



# S H E L L F I S H C O N S E R V A T I O N C O M M I S S I O N

## **Meeting Minutes** **Thursday November 19, 2015** **6:00 PM - Town Hall**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Brown (Chairman), Charles Adams, John Berrett, Bob Maloney, Harland Storey.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lt. Milt Calder & Pete Thayer (DMR)

### **I. Roll Call & Welcome**

### **II. 2016 License Allocations**

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Berrett, to recommend to the Town Council that the 2016 license allocations be the same as last year:

**RECREATIONAL:** Unlimited resident recreational licenses  
25 non-resident recreational licenses  
8 monthly resident licenses  
2 monthly non-resident licenses

**COMMERCIAL:** 1 resident commercial license  
1 non-resident commercial license

### **III. Other Business**

Lieutenant Calder reported that he has been hearing that there are almost no clams to be had on our clam-flats.

Mr. Adams confirmed this. He dug 5 times in November and found that the clams were very sparse.

Mr. Thayer said that he conducted an informal survey and found that the results were pretty much the same as last year. He was a good population of razor clams, but no sign of any seed. The problem may be predators such as ribbon worms or green crabs. He shared what other communities are doing to protect their shellfish population with different pilot projects around the state.

Mr. Storey suggested that since there are no clams to be dug, maybe we should waive all license fees for the upcoming and only charge the \$10.00 conservation fee. The clerks issuing the licenses should advise people that there is a severe shortage of clams.

The committee agreed to this suggestion.

Motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to waive all license fees (except Commercial License Fees) for 2016 Recreational Shellfish Licenses.

VOTE: 5-0                      UNANIMOUS

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore  
Committee Secretary